

# The Wyoming Record

The City of Wyoming, Michigan Newsletter | March 2017

## A Vote on Flexible Funding for Park Improvements

On May 2, Wyoming voters will be asked to change the way dollars can be spent under the dedicated Library Maintenance millage. Currently, any funds collected from the millage may only be used to support the Wyoming library building. The vote will give the community greater flexibility in utilizing dollars to make much-needed capital improvements to Ferrand, Gezon, Ideal and Jackson parks.

This request is not an increase in the amount of millage collected and will not cost taxpayers an extra penny.

In the last two years, more than

\$650,000 has been spent on improvements and upgrades to the Wyoming library, working to ensure that significant capital investment will not be needed until the year 2027. The same cannot be said for the City's Parks, which need an estimated \$23 million in capital improvements to maintain the quality, caliber and safety of our park system.

The Parks and Recreation Department has lived off the same millage revenue -- with no increases -- for the last 20 years.

Since 1995 expenses have increased, while income from

the operating millage has decreased. The current millage of 1.5 mills, which annually captures \$2.9 million, is used to fund recreation programs, maintenance services and basic facility upkeep, but cannot adequately fund major capital improvements which typically cost \$100,000 to \$600,000 per project.

The vote does not reduce Kent District Library services and does not affect the City's ability to maintain its library.

Learn more at:  
[www.wyparks.com](http://www.wyparks.com)



### a message from **Mayor Poll**

Whether you're driving down a local street or turning on a faucet at home, you are connecting with the City. We work hard and are tremendously proud to be a big city that provides small town services. Throughout 2017, we are committed in sharing the pride and commitment we have for our City with the #WeCare campaign.

To us, #WeCare means The Wyoming Community Cares. We live in a one of the best cities in Michigan. The campaign will highlight inspiring stories about staff and residents who embody the #WeCare philosophy wherever possible to spread our community's spirit throughout the region.

You can get involved by including #WeCare in social media on Facebook, Twitter and now Instagram at CityofWyomingMI. Share your photos and stories with us on Facebook at facebook.com/CityofWyoming. Or go the extra mile and recommend someone within your neighborhood who demonstrates the spirit of #WeCare.

Please join us by being involved, being informed and sharing #WeCare.

### **Flexible Funding Millage Informational Meeting**

**April 24**

7 - 8 p.m.  
Wyoming Fire State # 3

**April 29**

10 - 11 a.m.  
KDL - Wyoming Branch



## Mother-Son Bowling Night

Moms, spend a night with your son at the bowling alley. This event will include bowling, pizza, pop and plenty of fun. Pre-registration is required. The cost to attend is \$12 per person.

Call us to register at 616.530.3164 with a Visa or MasterCard during business hours, Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Online registration is available around the clock at [www.wyomingmi.gov/prregistration](http://www.wyomingmi.gov/prregistration).

## Park Reservations

Planning a birthday party or family reunion? One of Wyoming's parks might be the perfect place for your gathering.

Park reservations are available May 1 through Sept. 30 with the exception of Pinery Park Lodge, which is available year round.

A refundable shelter or lodge damage deposit is required in addition to rental fees.

To make a reservation or to learn more, call 616.530.3164.

## Community Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 22, 2017

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

North Godwin Elementary School, 161 34th Street

Wyoming residents will be allowed to drop off trash or general household items such as old furniture, appliances, building material scraps, etc. Officials from Kent County will be on hand for the collection of household hazardous waste, such as antifreeze, bleach and pesticides. You can also recycle cardboard, metal cans and plastic shopping bags. The Salvation Army will be on site accepting donations.

## Michigan Blood Drive

Blood drives will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

April 12 | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 7 | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

July 12 | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Aug. 2 | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Oct. 4 | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dec. 6 | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For information visit [Miblood.org](http://Miblood.org) or call 1.866.642.5663.

## What's happening at the Library

### Adult Book Club

March 21  
6:30 p.m.

March's discussion will be on *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely.

### Book Discussion with the Authors

March 27  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely speak about *All American Boys*

### Free Tax Assistance

Tuesdays  
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
By appointment for qualifying low income individuals and families.

Call 2-1-1

For further details on these and all programs, stop in the library to pick up a program guide, check out our web page at [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org) or call 616.784.2007.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays | 7 p.m. | Council Chambers

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday | 7 p.m. | Council Chambers

### PLANNING COMMISSIONS MEETINGS

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday | 7 p.m. | Council Chambers

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday | 1:30 p.m. | Council Chambers

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday | 7 p.m. | West Conference Room

### WYOMING CITY COUNCIL

Jack Poll, Mayor  
Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro tem, Council Member-at-Large  
Dan Burrill, Council Member-at-Large  
Kent Vanderwood, Council Member-at-Large  
Bill VerHulst, 1st Ward Council Member  
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